

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated September 19, 2008, the Examiner indicates that the application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species:

- I) The species of FIG. 2; and
- II) The species of FIG. 8.

The Examiner states that these species are independent or distinct because claims to the different species recite mutually exclusive characteristics of such species. In addition, the Examiner states that the two species are not obvious variants of each other on the record. Accordingly, the Examiner requires Applicant under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to elect one of these species for prosecution on the merits. The Examiner states that claims 1, 8, 9, 18 and 19 appear generic.

With this Amendment, Applicant elects the species of FIG. 2. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-5, 7-13 and 16-19 are directed to the species of FIG. 2. Claims 1-5, 7-10, 12 and 16-19 are generic to both species. Claims 6, 14 and 15 have been withdrawn as being directed to the unelected species.

Applicant submits herewith amendments to the Abstract to remove unneeded reference numbers and to correct minor grammatical errors. Finally, Applicant submits a number of amendments to the specification to correct grammatical and/or typographical errors.

Applicant submits that no new matter is added to the application as filed. Consideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

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Response to Office Action dated September 19, 2008

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below if the Examiner believes an Examiner's amendment would expedite prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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